

**THE ENERGY OF CHILDREN.**

There is sometimes an element of fierceness in the energy of children. They are not only lively and active and noisy, but they are aggressively so. They are not satisfied without constant attention and sympathy. Their elders must look at that, know this, and praise the other; and their placidity being continually stirred, the elders get weary of schooling their souls to patience.

This aggressive energy is a terrible strain on rasped nerves and tired body. It is in such moments of stress of spirit that the mother makes the hasty, impatient speech, and then, with self reproach, does for the child tenfold more than she ought, to punish herself for the brief sin.

It is true, however some may exclaim against it, that all mothers do not merge their whole being in motherhood. Sometimes the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak, and sometimes the spirit itself rebels.

A woman who was the mother of twelve children brought up her sons and daughters to honor and love her. She was a model wife, friend and neighbor. Years after when her boys and girls had grown up and scattered she confessed, "I did used to get dreadfully tired of my children!" She was a faithful mother in spite of the feeling, perhaps better because of her perception of it, but she was a woman first, and it was hard to forget that.

"Job's comforters" come around, saying: "Think how badly you would feel if you lost them! Think how you will regret the trouble when they are grown up solemn men and women!" All that is true enough, though, like some other truths, no present relief. But when the infliction is worst, it might afford a little help to consider what a wonderful mercy it is that children do have such an abundant stock of aggressive energy to start with! What a help it is in the chances and changes of this troublesome life! It is the energetic, enthusiastic man who keeps a bold front and a steadfast soul in the world's battlefields. It is the energetic, brave-spirited woman who preserves a happy youthful heart, and meets trials and tribulations with a smiling defiance. Yes, the children will need through life all the energy they can command. Let us try to be thankful they have such a good supply to begin on.—*Harper's Bazar.*

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1. The BRETHREN and YOUTH'S Quarterlies will have three pages of Bible Dictionary, giving full description of the different words and names used in the lessons. Besides there will be three pages of very valuable and practical information for the teacher and pupil. The most improved methods of Sunday-school work, and the most practical suggestions will be found in this department. These six pages alone are worth the price of the quarterly—four cents. The COMMENTS on the text, the LIFE TEACHINGS, the QUESTIONS, and MISCELLANEOUS matter will be found the best that can be prepared, and adapted to the wants of the Bible student, whether old or young.

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3. OUR LITTLE FOLKS will continue the same, bright little paper for the boys and girls, as before. Each lesson will be illustrated with an original cut, prepared by our artist, for this purpose. The first page also will have an illustration as often as the means of the paper will permit. As specimen copies we refer our readers to the last issues of the quarter. There will be original stories and interesting letters to the children, by one whom we have employed to do this work. It is our purpose to make this the brightest little paper published. We are interested in the little folks and we will do all in our power to give them an excellent paper, and make them happy.

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